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IN THE FAR-OFF FUTURE, [illegible] HUNDRED YEARS, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LIVING QUIETLY IN UNDERGRO[illegible]T HOUSES, RAISED DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND FEARED THE OCCASIONA[illegible]INS. ONE DAY IN A VILLAGE CALLED GIHA, SIMON, A BO[illegible]IS VILLAGE, FINDS A SMALL DRILL, THAT SH[illegible]THER TO SIMON, BELIEVES THAT THE[illegible]IVE. HE IS THE LEADER OF "G[illegible]TO CRASH THROUGH THE [illegible]AP[illegible]THE CEILING[illegible]THE VILLAGE COLLAPSE[illegible]M THE

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THBOOOOM
THBOOOOM
THBOOM!
NOW!

KABLAGAFOOM

WE USED TOO MUCH EXPLO-SIVES.
LOOKS LIKE THAT "GUNMEN" GOT CAUGHT IN THE CAVE-IN.
THIS IS BAD.
AS I RECALL, THAT AREA IS...
KRAAAASH
OH! HEY!
WAIT! YO—
DASH

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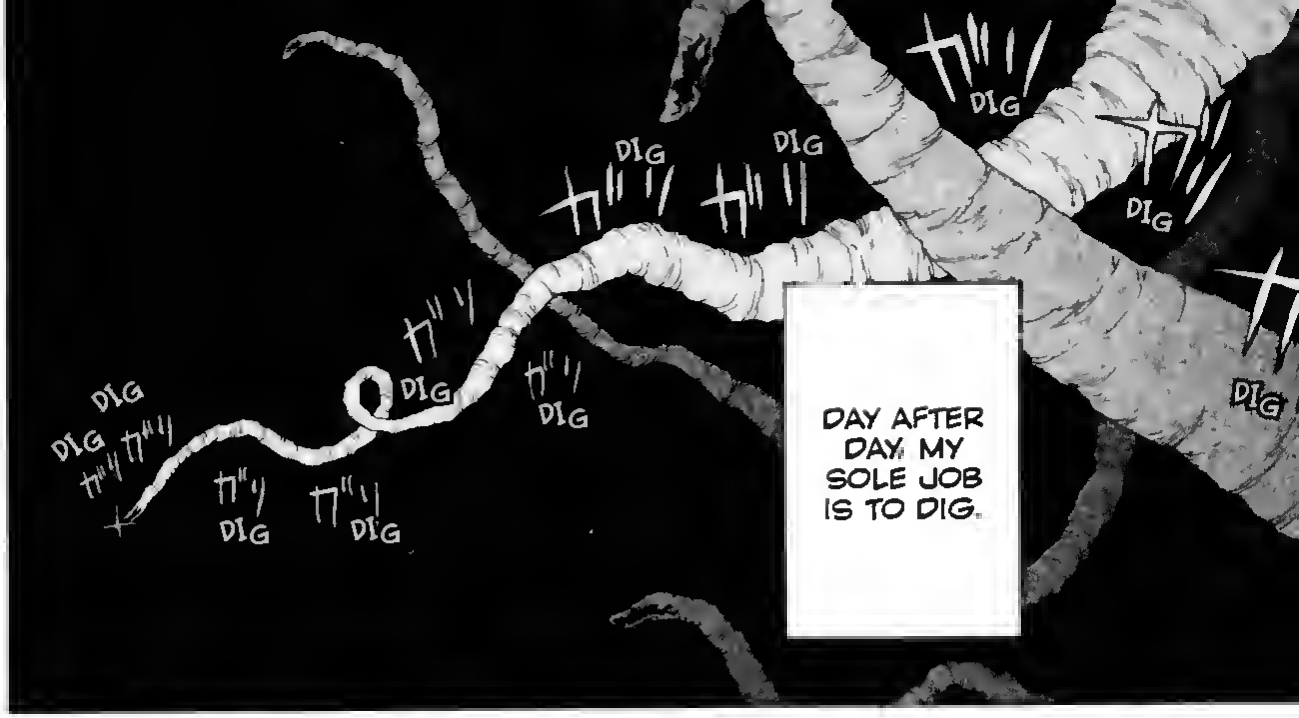
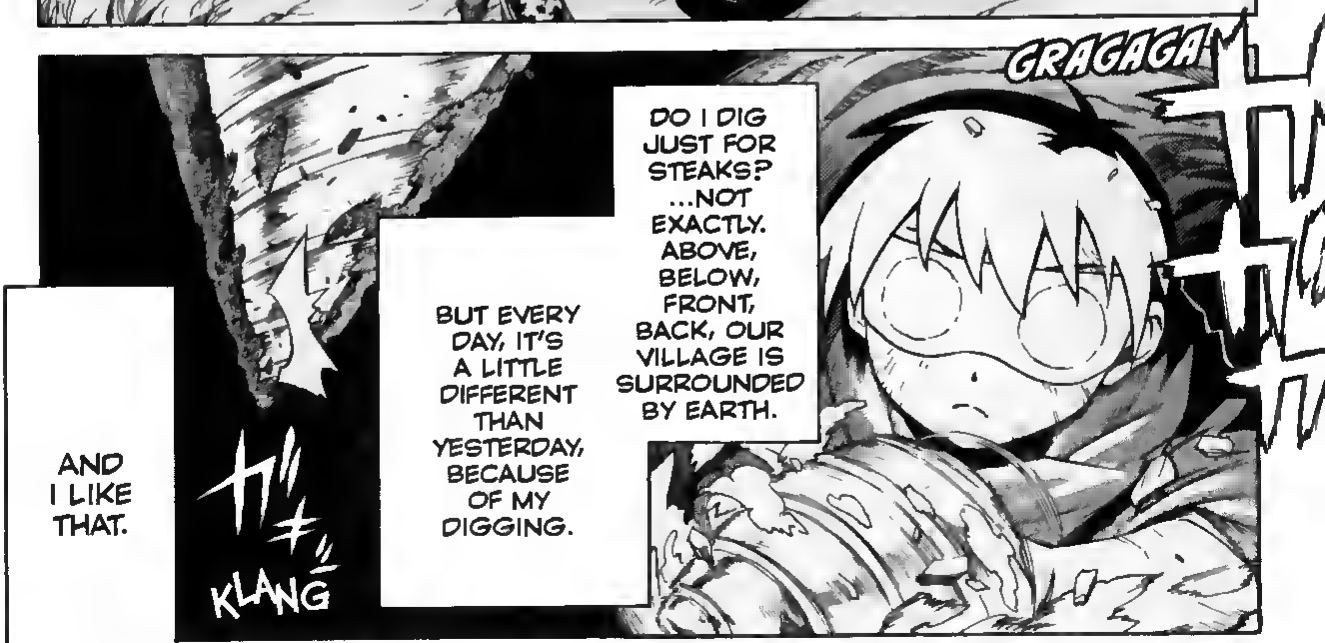

DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DAY AFTER DAY. MY SOLE JOB IS TO DIG.

THAT MAKES THE VILLAGE CHIEF HAPPY AND HE FEEDS ME PIG-MOLE STEAKS.
THE MORE I DIG, THE BIGGER THE VILLAGE GETS.


AND I LIKE THAT.
KLANG
BUT EVERY DAY, IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN YESTERDAY, BECAUSE OF MY DIGGING.
DO I DIG JUST FOR STEAKS? ...NOT EXACTLY. ABOVE, BELOW, FRONT, BACK, OUR VILLAGE IS SURROUNDED BY EARTH.
GRAGAGA

GRA
GA
GA
GA
GA
BESIDES
...
?

VVRRNN
VVRRNN
ONCE IN A WHILE, I DIG UP SOME TREASURE.

HA-HAH!
KLINK
EWW~~!
IT'S SIMON THE DIGGER!
ビィィィ
EEP
EWWW——♥
CREEPY☆
STINKY!
SCURRY
I DON'T GET WHAT'S SO FUN ABOUT GETTING COVERED IN DIRT EVERY DAY.
AND HE'S GOT SOMETHING WEIRD IN HIS HAND, TOO.
IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL, HE MIGHT DIG A HOLE IN US, TOO.
With that!

PLOD
トボ
トボ
PLOD
BUMP
WALK WITH YOUR HEAD HELD HIGH, SIMON!
K-KAMINA!
COME ON...
I'M ALWAYS TELLING YOU, AREN'T I? IT'S NOT KAMINA.

K-CHAK
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CALL ME--
"BRO".
WHAM
WHAM
I-I DON'T HAVE ANY BRO-THERS ...
THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.
WE'RE SOUL BROTHERS! BROTHERS IN SPIRIT!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

NO MATTER WHAT THOSE PIT CHICKS SAY, DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU.
THIS DRILL HERE'S YOUR SOUL.
IT SUITS YA REAL GOOD. C'MON, LET'S GO!
WHAT ...?
RATTLE ガチャ RATTLE ガチャ
OINK
OINK
OINK
ALL RIGHT YOU BOZOS, SORRY I'VE KEPT YOU WAITING!!
ZZRR
SSHH

PERFECT, BRO!!
HOW'S EVERY-THING LOOKING ?!
7"ㄴOINK
7"ㄴOINK
AREN'T THESE... THE VILLAGE CHIEF'S PIG-MOLES?
WH-WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?!
LISTEN TO ME, SIMON.
BUT YOUR DRILL BELONGS TO YOU!!
THE PIG-MOLES BELONG TO THE VILLAGE CHIEF,

BAM
YOUR DRILL IS THE DRILL THAT WILL PIERCE THE HEAVENS!
I CAN TELL!
HOW ...?
I DON'T KNOW HOW!!
ARE YOU READY, YOU REJECTS ?!
おう!
YEAH!
WE'RE THE INVINCIBLE TEAM GURREN! NO ONE CAN STOP US!!
Y- YEAH ...
Waaahhh...
WE'RE SICK OF LIVING IN THIS CRAMPED UNDERGROUND SPACE! IT'LL BE THE YOUTH WHO'LL BREAK OUT!
THE YOUTH MUST...
SMASH

AIM FOR THE SURFACE!
WOOHM

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
SIMON!
USE YOUR DRILL TO BREAK THROUGH THAT!
WAI...; WAIT!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?!

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
TEAM GURREN COMING THROUGH!
MOVE! MOVE! MOVE!

WOO-HOO!!
WAHDOOM

THIS IS CRAZY!
WRIGGLE
BUBOO!
BOOTA ?!
When in the world...
SWAY...
GO, SIMON !!!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THE IMPENET-RABLE CEILING?!
BREAK THROUGH THAT, AND I BET THE SURFACE WILL BE RIGHT THERE!
WE'RE CHARGING STRAIGHT TO THE TOP!

KAMINA!
SO IT'S YOU AGAIN!
DA-DUN
OH!
MOVE ASIDE, CHIEF!
BWOOSH!
YOU...
DAMN IDIOT!!

SNAP OUT OF IT ALREADY!
We're sorry!
YOUR OLD MAN ALSO FELL FOR THE DREAM OF THE SURFACE AND ENDED UP KICKING THE BUCKET, BURIED UNDER A PILE OF ROCKS.
YOU'RE WRONG !!
I'M NOT LYING!
LIARS BEGET MORE LIARS, I SEE!
MY OLD MAN DEFINITELY MADE IT TO THE SURFACE! I WAS THERE WITH HIM!

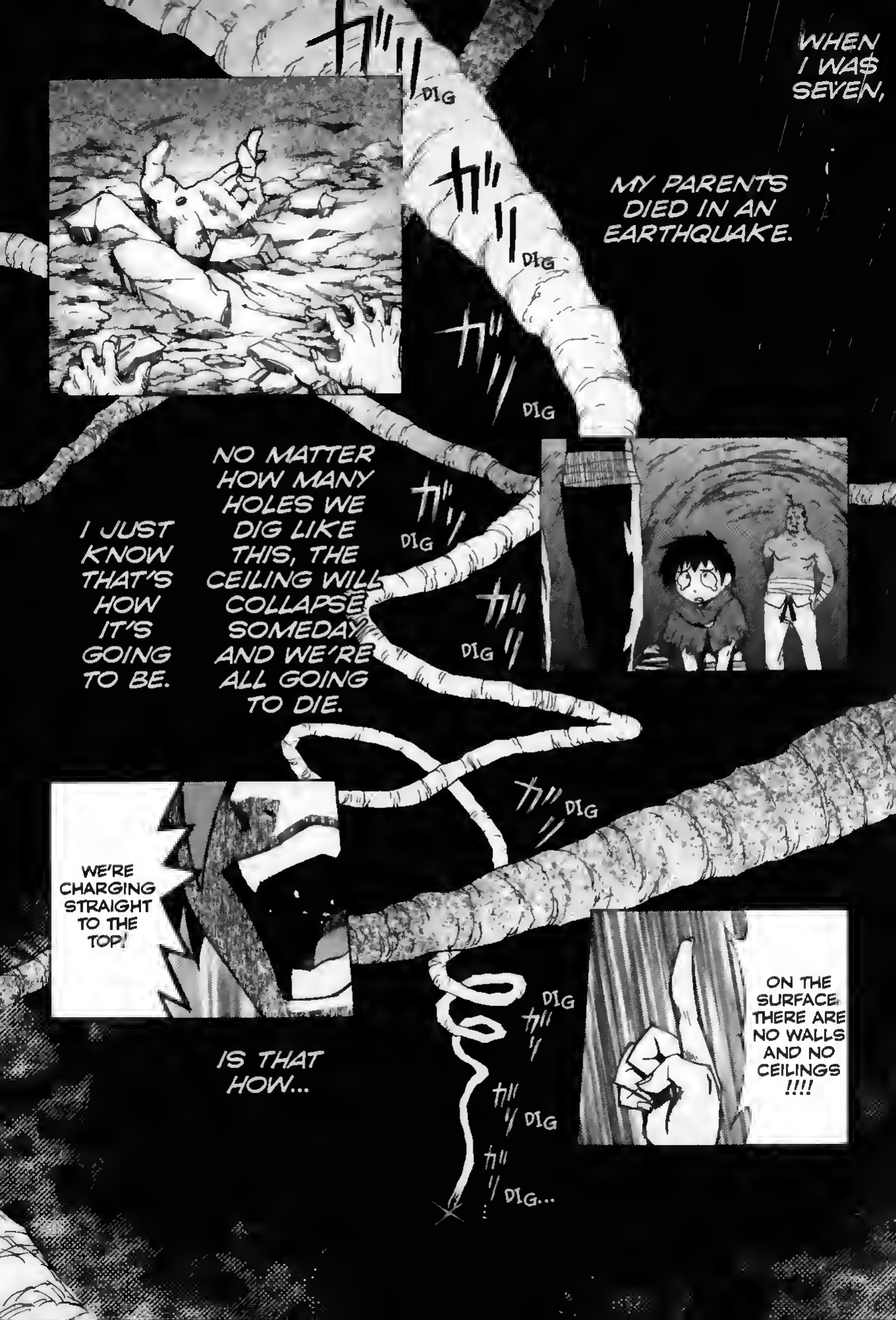
THEN WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE?
THAT'S BECAUSE ...
YOU LISTEN TO ME... SINCE YOU CAN'T SEEM TO DO AS I SAY...
YOU'RE GOING TO JAIL! WITHOUT FOOD!
SHUDDER
SIMON, YOU COME WITH ME.
KCHKA
KCHKA
WHAT?
YOUR TALENT FOR DIGGING SHOULD NOT BE WASTED ON THIS IDIOT.
YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT JOB WORKING ON THE "GIHA VILLAGE TUNNELING EXPANSION PROJECT".

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. GO ON, IT'S OKAY.
KAMINA...
B- BUT...
GO.
KLATTER
!!
KAMINA, LET'S RUN! ...KAMINA!
RUMBLE
EVERY- ONE, TAKE COVER!
IT'S...
IT'S AN EARTH- QUAKE!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
KCH KCH KCH
I'M NOT RUNN-ING!
KRRRAAASSSHHH
IF...
SIMON ...
IF WE DON'T RUN, WE'LL DIE!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
KLINK...

OH, RIGHT.
I JUST REMEMBERED. YOU...
SNUG
QUIVER QUIVER QUIVER
RELAX, IT'LL BE OVER SOON...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE...
I'LL BE DAMNED IF I DO.
ARE YOU GONNA LIVE YOUR LIFE SCARED OF THESE EARTH-QUAKES?
DAY AFTER DAY...
AFTER DAY...

ON THE SURFACE, THERE ARE NO WALLS AND NO CEILINGS!!!!
HRARR
DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP!
WHO DO YOU THINK RAISED YOU KIDS WHEN YOU LOST YOUR PARENTS?! THIS VILLAGE DOESN'T NEED UNGRATEFUL BASTARDS LIKE YOU!!
BAM


WHEN I WA$ SEVEN,
MY PARENTS DIED IN AN EARTHQUAKE.
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG
I JUST KNOW THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE.
NO MATTER HOW MANY HOLES WE DIG LIKE THIS, THE CEILING WILL COLLAPSE SOMEDAY AND WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE.
WE'RE CHARGING STRAIGHT TO THE TOP!
IS THAT HOW...
DIG
DIG
DIG...
ON THE SURFACE THERE ARE NO WALLS AND NO CEILINGS !!!!

KLANG
...IT HAS TO BE?
?
I HIT SOME-THING AGAIN...
VVRRNN
VVRRNN
WH-WHAT IS THIS?
VVRRNN

SNORE
SNORE
SNORE
SNORE
BOO.
NGHA!
KTHWHUD
SQUEE?!
(BRAKKA!
WHA ...
WHAT THE?
KAMINA!
OH, SIMON... WHAT'S UP?
COME WITH ME!
I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOME-THING!

A "FACE"!
A REALLY HUGE FACE!
WHAT'S THIS THING YOU WANT TO SHOW ME?
FLASH
!?
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE MAKING A BREAK FOR IT, KAMINA!

SHUT UP, YOU WHIPPER-SNAPPER!
NO NO NO
SIMON... IS THIS THE HUGE FACE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
I mean, it's huge, but...
THWACK!
That hurt...
I KNOW VERY WELL THAT YOU'RE GUILTY, KAMI—
I TOLD YOU NOT TO DEAL WITH THIS IDIOT!
AND YOU, SIMON!
STOP IT!
WHUP
I'M THE GUILTY ONE!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHOA!
KA-KRACK
THIS ONE'S BIG!
GAGA
GAGA
KA-KRACK...
KA-KRACK
I-I-IT CAN'T BE...
ANOTHER EARTH-QUAKE?!
GROAH
TH-THE CEILING!
THADOOM
!?
!?
GROAH
GAGA
GAGAGA

IT'S COLLAPSING?!
BBBGGGRRRAAASSSHHH
WHOA!
AAAAH!
AIIIEEE!
SOME-THING CAME FALL-ING DOWN!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

WAAAHHH...
HEHE...
SO THE THING YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME...
KAMINA, IT'S DANGEROUS!
THOOOOM...

DA-DUN

IS THIS IT, SIMON?!

STAB!
UP THERE!
GROAH
WHA... WHA... WHA...
GAGAGA
THIS MONSTER CAME FROM THE SURFACE!
THE SURFACE REALLY DOES EXIST!!
RIGHT, CHIEF?!

RUN! OR WE'LL GET EATEN!
GROAH
GA
GA
GA
A DEMON CAME FALLING DOWN!
I-IT'S A DEMON!
WHAT'S THIS, CHIEF?
KINDA HARD TO TELL WHO'S THE LIAR NOW, ISN'T IT?
EH?
KICK
BUMP...
THIS... THIS IS JUST...
SCOOT
SCOOT

KA-CHIK!
YO, YO, YO, YO!
YOU SHOW UP IN OUR VILLAGE OUT OF THE BLUE AND YOU THINK YOU CAN THROW YOUR WEIGHT AROUND LIKE THAT?!
WAIT, RU...
GLARE
EH?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
I-IT TALKED?!
Hah!
I'LL TELL YOU WHO I AM, SO LISTEN UP WITH THOSE BIG DAMN EARS OF YOURS!

IN GIHA VILLAGE, TEAM GURREN'S NAME RESOUNDS WITH NOTORIETY!
AND ITS RUTHLESS, INDOMITABLE LEADER--
WITH THE FLAME OF A MAN'S SOUL BURNING AT HIS BACK...
...IS THE GREAT KAMINA!
THAT'S WHO I AM!!!

.....IDIOT SIGHTED.

GWAHA-HAHAHA!
J-Just... why drunk...

GWAP
GWAP
WHAT CAN A PUNY HUMAN LIKE YOU DO?!

I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY WITH ANY FURTHER LAWLESS-NESS IN THIS VILLAGE!
I, KAMINA, WILL BE YOUR OPPONENT, SO YOU BETTER BE GRATEFUL!
YOU... BIG-MUGGED BASTARD!

EAT THIS AND REGRET WHAT YOU SAID, YOU PATHETIC WORM!
FOOM!
KAMINA!
BOOOOM

WHAT--
--THE ...?!
KA-BLAM
KA-BLAM

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
GRAAAAH!
'ZZZRRRSSSHHH
WHUP
Whew...

DA-DUN

A... A WOMAN?
WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE DOING?!
HURRY UP AND RUN!!
THIS WAS...
...THE BEGINNING OF A DESTINY THAT WAS STILL FAR TOO BIG FOR ME.
BOO ?

GO FOR IT, BRO!

ガンバレ アニキ！

THIS PLAN OF TEAM GURREN'S TO ESCAPE USING PIG-MOLES...
THIS WAS NO SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT PLAN.
KAMINA HAS BEEN WITNESSED NUMEROUS TIMES RAMPAGING THROUGH GIHA VILLAGE ON PRACTICE RUNS.
How about we make for the surface, you and me?!
HE HAS ALSO BEEN WITNESSED ON HIS FAVORITE RIDE, HITTING ON GIRLS.
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU'RE ATTACHED TO IN THIS VILLAGE, BRO?
HOWEVER, HE HAS NEVER BEEN WITNESSED BEING SUCCESSFUL.
NOPE, NOT A THING!

MANGA BY MATSUDA

まんが マツダ

THE "IMPENETRABLE CEILING" CRUMBLED...
KCHIK
AND WHAT CAME DOWN AFTER THE GIANT, DEMONIC MONSTER...
KRRRIIIIIIII
FIGHTING WITH A WEAPON BIGGER THAN HERSELF...
CHAPTER 2 "DON'T BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!"

KRASH
KTHOOM
...WAS THIS GIRL.
POP
HEY, THERE, BEAUTIFUL! YOU'RE FROM THE SURFACE, AREN'T YOU?
When did he...?
I GUESS.
YOU LOOK REAL SHARP.
THE WEAPONS AND GIRLS OF THE SURFACE SURE ARE SOMETHING ELSE.
DO YOU WANT TO DIE?!
QUIT MESSING AROUND AND RUN ALREADY!
GLARE!

THIS WAY!
WHERE'D YOU GO?!
KRUNCH!
TH-THANKS, SIMON.
YOU SAVED US...
YOU OKAY, KAMINA?!
NEXT CAVE OVER?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE...
SO, YOU ARE THE NEXT CAVE OVER...
WHERE AM I?
GIHA VILLAGE.

WHAT ?!
I'M FROM THE NEIGHBORING CAVE OF LITTNER VILLAGE.
GET YOUR BIG BUTT OUTTA MY WAY!!
YOU SAID YOU CAME FROM THE SURFACE, BUT YOU'RE A PIT CHICK ?!
SO, WHERE ARE WE GOING, SIMON?
H-HOW RUDE!
WHO ARE YOU SAYING HAS A BIG BUTT?!
WHUP
YOU'RE IGNORING ME?!
THE FACE.

THE MECHA WITH THE HUGE FACE!
YOU MEAN, A "GUNMEN"?
WHAT THE HELL'S THAT?
THAT THING WE SAW EARLIER.
THAT'S WHY I CAME ALL THIS WAY. I WAS CHASING HIM.
HERE IT IS, KAMINA!
SO THIS IS IT... THE THING YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME...!

BAM
Y-
YOU THINK SO?
IS THIS A GUNMEN, TOO?
IS THIS THING OPERAT-IONAL?
AWESOME... THIS IS AWESOME, SIMON!

.....
I KNOW YOU CAN, KAMINA...
WITH THIS, WE CAN BEAT THAT GUY!
SHOVE
SO THIS THING BELONGS TO YOU.
YOU DUG IT UP.
NO...
YOU DO IT, SIMON!
WHAT ?!
GRAB!!
I-IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, I COULD NEVER...
YOU IDIOT!!

KICK LOGIC OUT AND DO THE IMPOSSIBLE!!
BUT...
AAH!
WHOA
BOOM!
HEY! BETTER HURRY, OR HE'S GONNA GET US!
THAT'S THE WAY TEAM GURREN ROLLS, REMEMBER?!

LISTEN TO ME, SIMON.
DON'T BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.
BELIEVE IN ME!
BELIEVE IN ME,
WHO BELIEVES IN YOU!!
TWITCH
WHA... WHAT THE?

VVRRNN
VVRRNN
VVRRNN
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
VVRRNN!
BOO!
BOOTA! THIS IS...
I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!!
WHAAAAAT?!
KA-CHING!
KIII!
VVRRNN
FLASH

BLAM
THERE YOU ARE!! YOU PATHETIC WORMS!!
BOOSH
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
FOOM
!?

KONK!
NGAH !!
YEAH, BRO!!
GOOD GOING, SIMON!
!!
!
WELL SAID!
AAAH!
BOOF
SIMON!
I KNOW!

CATCH
OH...
Ba-dum
THANKS.
HAH! YOU BE CAREFUL, "PIT CHICK."
WHA?!
DAMN YOU HUMANS... SCURRY-ING AROUND ...
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
KAMINA AND... SIMON?!

HAAAHA-HAHA!
YOU WEREN'T QUITE EXPECTING THAT, WERE YOU? YOU DAMN GUNMEN!
THE GREAT "LAGANN" ISN'T GONNA LET YOU GET AWAY WITH ANY FURTHER BRUTALITY!!

WHOA! BRO!!
IN FRONT! IN FRONT!
L-LAGANN?
THE NAME OF THIS MECHA! I CAME UP WITH IT JUST NOW!

!?
WWRRRHHHPPP
*KA-KRD
SLAM!
ZOOM
N-NICE SHUTTERS ...
KA-KA-
KRRRACK...

GGRRSSKKCCHH
GWAHA-HAHAHA! I'LL CRUSH YOU!
DON'T SAY WEIRD THINGS!
I-IT'S TOO MUCH... I CAN'T... BREATHE...
MORE...
DAMN IT... IF ONLY WE HAD MORE POWER.....
Boo.
POWER!!
KROONG
KCH
VRRROOONNNGGG!!

GA?!
RARRRR!
KRACK
VVVRRRKKK!!!!!!!!
A DRILL! THAT'S SO LIKE YOU!
I-IT JUST CAME OUT...
ALL RIGHT, SIMON! SHOW THAT MONSTER !!
KRASH

GRA
GA
GA
GA
THE POWER OF TEAM GURREN'S DRILL!!!
BOOF
GAH!
KRASH

SO LONG, GIHA VILLAGE... WE'RE HEADED FOR THE SURFACE.
THE SURFACE THAT I SAW AS A KID!
GRIP!
GRAGA
KCH KCH
GAGA
GMH!
RRRRRR
YAAAAA
AAAAH!

BOOOOM!
GRRRIIIIII

WHOOSH!
OOF.
SNAP!
FLUTTER...
SO, THIS IS...

...THE SURFACE!!
SO, THIS IS...
IT'S...
IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

COME TO THINK OF IT...
KAMINA ...
...AND SIMON.
MY NAME... I HADN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET, RIGHT?
IT'S YOKO.
NO ...
OOH ♥
NICE TO MEET ...
OH ... YOU ♥
TWINGE
B-BOOTA?!
WH-WH-WHAT'RE YOU DOING? THAT'S NOT ALLOWED ...
BU BOO!
HEY, SIMON! THE JET'S STOPPED FIRING!!

WHAT ?!
Y- YOU'RE RIGHT ...

BWHA!
ドーン
BOOF
ゴッ
KONK

AAAAAH!
DO SOME-THING, SIMON!
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...

ヒュウウウ
WHOOOOO
OW ...

HM ...?
CUSHY
ふにゅん♥

IT'S NO USE ☆
AIEEEEE!
WHA... YOU GIVE UP TOO FAST!
ナイスSLANG

© HIROKI HARUSE

IN OUR SIGHTS ♥
EEEP!
!
HUMANS...
DAMN ...
THERE'S MORE OF THEM!!
.....!
KCHIG
KA-SHING
OUT OF AMMO?!
MOVE IT!

ズズズズズ
BADADADADA
AAAUGH!

BOOF

YUP!

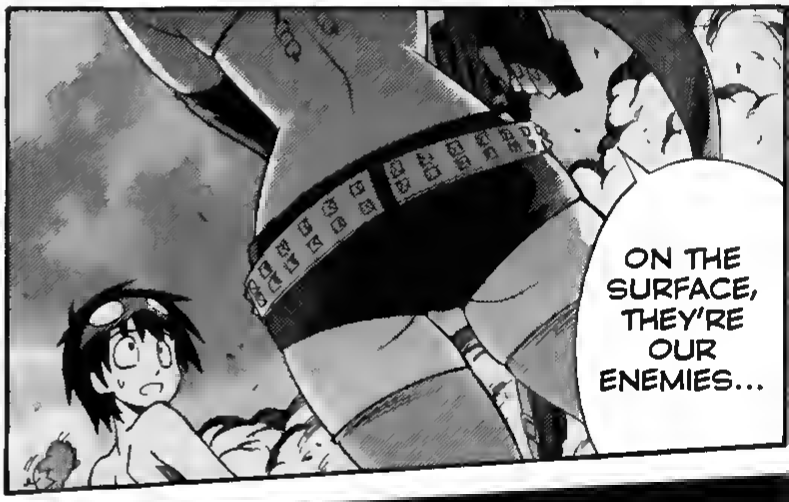
YOU OKAY, YOKO?!

RATTATATATATATATA
DAYAKKA!
FRIENDS OF YOURS ?!

WE GOT HIM !!
BOOM!
IT'S ALMOST NIGHT. TIME TO PULL OUT.
MY "GUNMEN" !!!
KTHUNK
I-I CAN'T GO ON...
BOOM!
FOOM!
DAMN IT ALL! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, YOU HUMANS!
KA-KLANG
KA-KLANG
KA-KLANG
KA-KLANG

THEN... ARE THERE LOTS OF THEM ON THE SURFACE .....?
FLASH
KA-KLANG
KA-KLANG
FLASH
FLASH

THEY'RE "BEASTMEN".
ROOAARR
I HAD NO IDEA THERE WAS A GUY LIKE THAT INSIDE.


ON THE SURFACE, THEY'RE OUR ENEMIES...

E- ENEMIES ...?
LICK
BOO.

NAH...
WHAT?
ガシャン
KA-KLANG
I'M FINALLY HERE...
DAD.
ガシャン
KA-KLANG
IT'S NOTHING.

聞いてはならない

DON'T ASK THAT

MANGA BY RYO AKIZUKI

秋月亮 (まんが)

TAKE A LOOK, KID. THIS IS THE SURFACE.
THIS IS TRULY A MAN'S WORLD.
NO WALLS. NO CEILINGS.
THAT'S WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT IT.
THERE'S NOTHING HERE...
YOU CAN COME WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR YOU.
RUMPLE
I SEE...
SKKKTTT
YOU WANNA COME, TOO?
I'M ALREADY...
WOOOOOO
WAIT FOR ME... DAD!!
SO LONG... KAMINA.

!?
KA-BOOM
WH-WH-WH-WHAT?! WHAT WAS THAT?!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
OH. YOU'RE FINALLY UP.
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
MORNING, YOU TWO DARLINGS. HOW ABOUT A CUP OF COFFEE?
EH? WHO'RE YOU?

CHAPTER 3 "BASICALLY, IT'S ABOUT FIGHTING SPIRIT, RIGHT?!"

LIKE HELL!
OR IF YOU WANT, "BEAUTIFUL QUEEN".
YOU CAN CALL ME "RON" ♥
Mmm
I'M LEERON.
I'M THE MECHANIC OF LITTNER VILLAGE.
THWUP
NEVER MIND THAT! WHAT WAS THAT NOISE JUST NOW?! AN EARTHQUAKE?
GUN-MEN.
OUR MORNINGS ON THE SURFACE BEGIN WITH THEM.
TWO DAYS IN A ROW... IT'S GONNA BE ROUGH.
KCHK
GUN-MEN?!
THOSE GUYS FROM YESTER-DAY ARE COMING AGAIN .....?

NO MATTER WHEN IT COMES, IF SOMEONE PICKS A FIGHT--
--WE TAKE 'EM ON! THAT'S THE TEAM GURREN RULE!!
HAH!
REVENGE FOR YESTER-DAY, MAYBE?
KCHK!
BRO...
YOU GO OUT IN THE LAGANN, SIMON!
WHAT?!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, BLOOD BROTHER!!
TROMP
TROMP
B-BUT...
I-I'M SURE YOU COULD PILOT THAT THING WAY BETTER THAN I COULD...
C'MON!
GET IT TOGETHER. THE LAGANN BELONGS TO YOU!
B-BRO...
ALL RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE COMING THIS WAY!

THIS IS...
KLINK...
カチャ...
I'VE SEEN A LOT IN MY TIME, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN A MECHA WITH SUCH SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION.
DREAMY...
I GOT SO EXCITED, I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT POLISHING IT. YOU CAN THANK ME FOR THAT.
I see... Thanks...
ALL RIGHT, GET IN!
DO YOU HAVE THE KEY?

SPIN... ON?
OKAY, GO AHEAD. HURRY UP AND GET IT TO SPIN ON.
HMM... I SEE.
LOOKS TO BE A "CORE DRILL".
しりーTWISTん
YOU SCREW IT IN!
WITH A HARD, MANLY TWIST ♪
HAHA- HAHA... HA...
UMM ...
Oink.
WHAT? NO WAY! HOW COME?!
KCHIG
KCHIG
KCHIG
KCHIG
HUH...? IT'S NOT TURNING ON...

HOW DARE YOU DO THAT TO US YESTERDAY, YOU DAMN HUMANS!!
WE'LL TAKE YOU DOWN FOR SURE TODAY!
GO, TEAM, GO! GO, TEAM, GO!
DAMN.
HERE WE GO, EVERY-ONE!
LISTEN TO THEM MOUTHING OFF.
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
A-AGAIN ?!
EH?
YOUR EARS... YOU BETTER COVER THEM.
WOOOOO
BOOM

RUMBLERUMBLERUMBLE
GASP
GROAHGAGAGAGA
BOOF
WHOOOAAAH?!
GLINT
GROAH
THIS SHAKING ...
BAM

GYAAAAARRR
IT'S HUGE!!
KRASH
IT'S CLEARLY SUPERIOR TO THE OTHER ONES.
A NEW MODEL?!
ZING
ZING
ZING

GROAHGAGAGAGA
DON'T LET IT GET ANY-WHERE NEAR THE VILLAGE!
GRR... LURE HIM INTO THE RAVINE!
RATTATATAT
WRRRR
!?
THOSE BAST-ARDS...
IT WAS THOSE GUNMEN ...
SHHHRRR...

...DID THAT TO MY MOM AND DAD....!!
THOSE BAS-TARDS...
BOOMBOOMBOOM!
DID WE GET HIM?!
SHAZING
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBL

HE'S UNBELIEV-ABLY TOUGH...
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
NO DAMAGE AT ALL?!
GROOAAHH
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND... I'M TAKING THAT GUNMEN!
THAT'S GREAT. I LIKE HIM!
ZZRRSSHH
HUH?
HEH!

I'M SAYING I'M GONNA PILOT THAT GUY!!
IT'S BEING PILOTED BY SOME SORTA-BEAST, SORTA-HUMAN THING.
THERE'S NO WAY I COULDN'T PILOT IT, TOO!!
BOOF!
Are you an idiot?
ZZZRRRSSSHHH
THUD
BRO!!

BA-DUN!
HEY... KAMINA!
PERFECT TIMING—
—BLOOD BROTHER!!
THWUMP
BOM
NOW THAT I'VE LEFT MY HOME BEHIND, I AIN'T GIVING UP...
...I AIN'T BACKING DOWN, I AIN'T HAVING REGRETS...
...I AIN'T LOOKING NOWHERE BUT AHEAD, AND I AIN'T LOOKING BEHIND.
A MAN'S PRIDE CHOCK FULL OF "AIN'T"S...
THE GREAT KAMINA OF TEAM GURREN WILL SHOW YOU—
—JUST WHAT THAT'S ABOUT!!
ROOOAAARRR

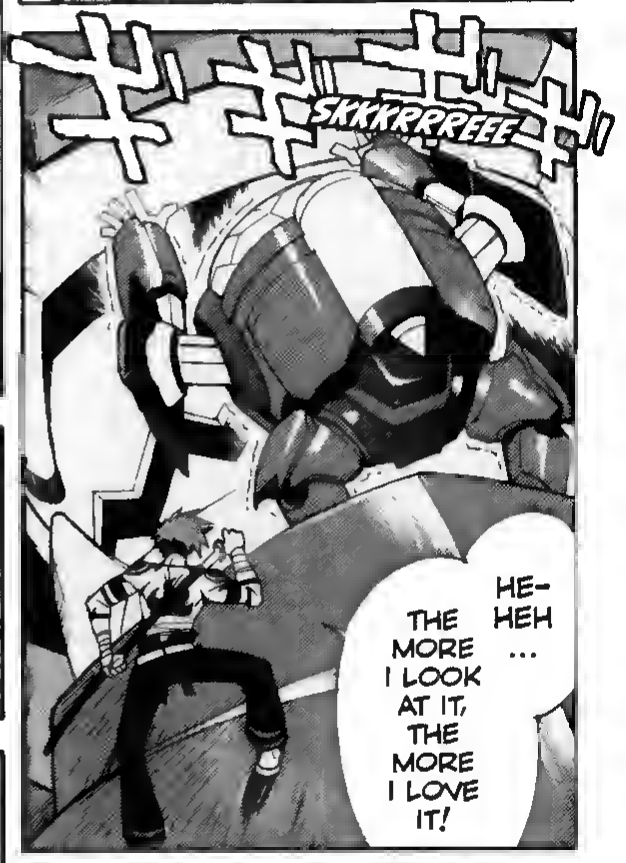
SO, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...
NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE!
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO KILLED MY MOM AND DAD!!
BOOSH
BRO, THE EARTHQUAKES WE WERE EXPERIENCING WERE THE TREMORS CAUSED BY THESE GUYS!
W-WILL YOU BE ABLE TO PILOT IT?
FIRST, I'M GONNA COMMANDEER THAT POINTY ONE.
WHAT?
SIMON... IT'S GOOD TO GET FIRED UP... BUT DON'T GET IMPATIENT!
B-BUT...
DON'T WORRY!!
YOU'RE PILOTING THE LAGANN, AREN'T YOU?!

WHAT THE HELL'S THIS LITTLE RUNT?!
No way! There's no way that's it!
BASICALLY, IT'S ABOUT FIGHTING SPIRIT, RIGHT?!
CHARGE!!
Aiiieee!
GACK ?!
KLANG

AUGH! I'm sowwie...
THE HELL ?!
WHUMP
KRUNCH
GOOD GRIEF... THEY NEED SO MUCH LOOKING-AFTER.
kuk
THIS IS OUR CHANCE!!

SHA-KIIING
I'M TAKING YOUR PLACE.

BAM!
THUNK!
I'M COUNTING ON YA, SIMON!
RIGHT!
SHHUP.


SKKKRRREEE
HE-HEH...
THE MORE I LOOK AT IT, THE MORE I LOVE IT!

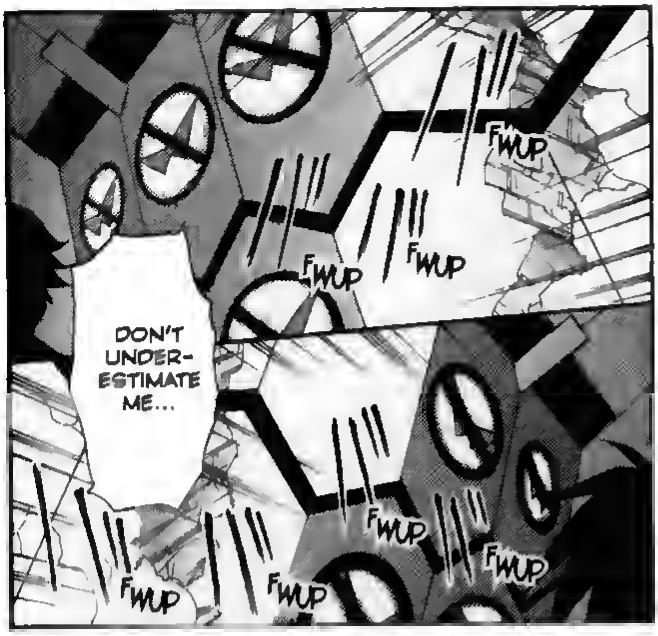
KICK
UH
AUGH!

ALL RIGHT, HERE WE GO!!
BWEEEP

GA-GUN
GA-GUN
.....!
Wha... Wh- Wha...
MOVE IT.

BASH
GAH!
BRO, WATCH OUT!
BWEEEP
BWEEEP
EH?!
The hell...?
ぐおお
GRRROOOAAAHHH
おお
WAAAHHH!
THIS IS FOR KILLING OUR SQUAD LEADER!
WHAM
I'm still alive!
HOW DARE YOU DO THAT TO SQUAD LEADER GUZACK ?!
BASH
THUD
WH-WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY DOING?!

Ugh
KRUNCH!
BANG
FIGHT-ING SPIRIT !!
NOT ENOUGH ...
SPLAT
GRR...
THIS IS LAME... KAMINA...
ZZZSSSHHH
KICKING THE BUCKET NOW, OUT HERE...
THIS PLACE ...
!?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FWUP
FWUP
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME...
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP

IS NOT AN OPTION !!

...YOU STINKING GUNMEN !!
ROAAARRR

WHO...

ZOOM
IT'S LIGHTS OUT FOR YOU, YOU LITTLE RUNT!

...THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM KICK!!
GUFFAWP!
SMASH
HOW DARE YOU LAY A HAND ON MY LITTLE BROTHER PUNCH!!

KRRAASSHH
SIMON!
YOU OKAY, SIMON?!
SORRY, MAN... I GOT A LITTLE HELD UP BACK THERE.
DAZED...
UH... B-BRO?
BWOOSH
GRAB
NOW, LET'S SETTLE THIS IN ONE SHOT!
RIGHT!
... WAIT, WHAT?!

CANNONBALL ATTACK!!
BOOF
EAT THIS! KILLER TECHNIQUE, PERFECT COMBUSTION OF MANLY SOULS!!
CRACK
PUT YOUR GUTS INTO IT!!
YOU'RE THE FINAL BLOW!
KA-KA-

BAZOOOOM
WHAM
GRAB

SHA-KI!NNG!
YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?!
BWAHA ...
ZWIIING
NGRAH!
HAHAHA! WHERE'RE YOU AIMING?!
You suck!
Heh.
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.
NEENER,
NEENER!
BAM

KRAKA THOOOOOOOOM!

G-GIVE ME A BREAK...
BRO...
GOOD WORK, SIMON!

DASH
だだだ
TH-THEY GOT US ALL!
Rumm!

THAT WAS AWESOME ...
N-NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
REALLY ...
OH, MY!
ARE YOU A SUCKER FOR THAT TYPE OF GUY?
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT... THAT THEY'D SUCCESSFULLY COMMANDEER A GUNMEN.
BUT THOSE TWO DARLINGS... THEY CERTAINLY ARE INTER-ESTING.

I'VE DECIDED.
THIS GUY'S NAME IS GONNA BE "GURREN".
GURREN?
NO MATTER HOW TOUGH IT IS UP HERE ON THE SURFACE, WITH THE GURREN AND THE LAGANN...
WITH OUR GUNMEN, WE'LL FIGHT OUR WAY THROUGH THIS!
OUR GUNMEN...

WITH BRO ...
WITH BRO HERE, I FEEL LIKE WE COULD REALLY DO IT!
CLINT
AND SOMEDAY, I'LL CATCH UP TO YOU...
DAD!

PIERCE ME WITH YOUR DRILL!!

おまえのドリルで俺を突け!!

——まんが 大岩ケンヂ

MANGA BY KENDI OIWA

BA-BOOM!
BA-BOOM...
BA-BOOM...
SO, "GURREN"... WAS IT?
IT'S LOOKING AWFULLY GOOD NOW.
YEAH, RIGHT?
LEERON SAID HE COMBINED PARTS FROM THE WRECKED GUNMEN.
I CAN'T TELL IF THAT LEERON'S A GUY OR A GIRL, BUT FOR ALL THAT, HIS SKILLS AS A MECHANIC ARE TOP NOTCH.
SO ...
WHAT'S THIS MARK?
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED. THIS HERE IS...

CHAPTER 4 "THAT BRAVADO WILL MEAN THE DEATH OF YOU!"

I-I SEE...
KA-KLANG
NEVER MIND THAT. DO WE HAVE TIME TO BE GOING ON THIS LONG HUNTING TRIP?
KA-KLANG
YEAH... WHAT IF THE ENEMY COMES AFTER US AGAIN...?
DON'T WORRY.
SO I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU TWO!
IT SEEMS THEY'VE GOT THEIR OWN SET OF RULES THAT THEY FOLLOW.
THEY ONLY ATTACK IN THE MORNINGS.
OH, IS THAT RIGHT?
WE NEED TO USE ANY NON-COMBAT DAYS WE GET TO PROCURE FOOD AND WATER.
BLUSH...

▼ WHITE SANDCROCRABBIT
LITTNER WAS A VILLAGE THAT HAD LONG GUARDED A FORBIDDEN STOREHOUSE.
カリ
ニャ
KCHIK
▼ CHASING HERON
BUT ONE DAY, POISON GAS STARTED SEEPING OUT FROM THE STOREHOUSE, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO LIVE UNDERGROUND ...
カリ
ニャ
KCHIK
▲ FISHAMACALLIT
▼ PIGMY COWHEAD
カリ
KCHIK
ニャ
IT WAS APPARENTLY AN ARMORY THAT HAD BEEN BUILT SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS AGO.
I SEE.
SLIMY GRAPEHIPPO ▲
WE WERE FORCED TO THE SURFACE BECAUSE OF THE WEAPONS, BUT IT'S THOSE VERY SAME WEAPONS THAT ALLOW US TO FIGHT LIKE THIS.
IT'S SO IRONIC.

SQUAWK!
THWUP
OOH!
BA-SHUP!
KA-SHANK
KA-SHANK
ALL RIGHTY! I'LL GO GET IT FOR YA!
OH, WAIT ...
HOP
I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M THE TOP MARKSMAN IN THE VILLAGE, YOU KNOW.
THAT TUBE OF YOURS CAN FIRE ARROWS, TOO?
Tube?! Yeah, because it's electronic.
RUSTLE
HMM, I WAS PRETTY SURE IT WAS AROUND ...
AH! THERE IT IS.
Eh?
!!
RUSTLE

...HOW COULD I POSSIBLY THINK OF SLEEPING?
WITH SUCH INTEREST-ING DATA IN MY HANDS ...
OH, PLEASE, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
TAKE A LITTLE BREAK.
LEERON... YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT SINCE YESTERDAY, HAVE YOU?
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
KA-CHA
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
DAYA-KKA!
GOOD GRIEF...

ARE YOU THE LEADER OF THIS VILLAGE?
Y-YES, I AM.
BUT WHO ARE YOU?
FWUP
PARDON MY MANNERS ...

I AM KIYOH.
KIYOH OF "THE BLACK SIBLINGS".
SNEAK
EEP
I'VE HEARD OF THEM.
HM? R-RIGHT.
WHAT THE HECK IS "THE BLACK SIBLINGS"?
DAYA—
HEY!
DAZED
BWAP
YES... THAT'S US.
THAT THERE'S A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WANDER FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE, FIGHTING AGAINST BEASTMEN.

KIYALOON
I'M KIYAL! NICE TO MEETCHA!
AND THIS IS OUR YOUNGEST ...
THIS IS MY LITTLE SISTER KINON.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
"THE BLACK SIB-LINGS"!!
BUZZ
わら
There're girls here...
What's this? What's this?
The three are sisters!
THERE'S ACTUALLY ONE MORE SCRUFFY MEMBER IN OUR GROUP.
BUT FOR YOU WANDERERS TO COME TO OUR VILLAGE... DOES THAT MEAN...?
YES, THE THING IS...

OUR ELDER BROTHER IS OUT SCOUTING, SO IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, HE SHOULD REPORT BACK TO US IMMEDIATELY, BUT...

WHERE'S YOKO AND THE OTHERS?
OUT PROCURING FOOD AND WATER...

NOT GOOD.
I HOPE THEY'RE ALL RIGHT...

GGRRNN
GGGRRRNNN

W-WHAT?!
THERE IS A GUNMEN APPROACHING THIS VILLAGE AND IT IS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN THEIR ORDINARY MODELS.
IT STILL APPEARS TO BE CHECKING THINGS OUT RIGHT NOW, BUT IT WILL PROBABLY LAUNCH AN ATTACK TOMORROW.

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
YOU'RE WEARING A DAMN FUNNY MASK...

WHA ...?!

I KNOW! YOU'RE A BEASTMAN!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!
SHA-KIINNGG
WAIT! YOU'RE HUMAN ...?

WHOOSH
GOT-TCHA!

CALM DOWN! I'M HUMAN, TOO!

IT'S DANGEROUS AROUND HERE RIGHT NOW. ...AMATEURS HAD BETTER GO ON HOME.
YOU... FROM THE NEARBY VILLAGE?
YOU SURE YOU AREN'T JUST TRYING TO SWIPE MY PREY?
PREY?
DON'T PLAY DUMB. THIS SECOND ARROW'S YOURS, ISN'T IT?!
THEN, THIS IS...
DANGLE~
EH?!
I DON'T HAVE A BOW OR ARROWS ON ME.
.....?

WHOA!
ZING
AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
DODGED IT, HUH...
DAMN NAKED APES.
HUMAN.
I'LL TELL YOU...

HUMAN ERADICATION FORCES, FAR EAST THEATER COMMANDER,
VIRAL!

HUMAN... ERADICATION FORCES...?

?
KA-SHANK
KA-SHANK
SIMON! IT'S KAMINA ...!

WHOA... HOLD ON!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

SHA-KINNGG
THAT'S RIGHT... WE EXTERMINATE ANY AND ALL HUMANS THAT COME TO THE SURFACE!
AND WHILE I'M AT IT, THAT GUY IS MY DINNER...
SQUEEZE
EEP!
WHIP
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO HUNGRY FOR IT. YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK.
SO I'M TAKING IT BACK!
BWOOSH
BAS-TARD ...!!
It was still alive!
SQUAWK
WHISTLE
NICE, AMATEUR! NOW'S OUR CHANCE...

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
You rum, too!
RUN?
ORORODON
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME, BEASTMAN.
SHIIIIING
THE MERE MENTION OF THE GREAT KAMINA OF TEAM GURREN HUSHES CRYING KIDS...
DID YOU THINK I WOULD SHOW MY BACK TO THE ENEMY?
TH-THAT IDIOT!

KLANG
KLANG
KA-KLANG
HMPH... THAT BRAVADO ... WILL MEAN THE DEATH OF YOU!
KRRR-KR-KR
YOU THINK YOU STAND A CHANCE AGAINST A TRAINED SOLDIER?!
KLANG
BWAP
SHWUP
YOU'RE NOT BAD... BUT IN THE END, YOU'RE AN AMATEUR SWORDS-MAN.
VRTTT

WHUP
CAN'T BE...
A MINI GUNMEN ?!
BRO!!
ZGGRRSSHH
BRO, GET ON!
MOVE, SIMON! THE FIGHT'S NOT OVER!
BOOF
THWUP
FORGET ABOUT IT! HURRY!
BLAM! ATン!
ZWIP
CHWIIING
GLINT
ZZRRSSHH

KA-SHAK!
ガシャコ!
NO WAY... HE NOTICED ME?!
SKRASHASHASHASHAA
REBELS ...
THIS IS PERFECT!
SKRASHAA
BOOF
BOOF
BOOF
BOOF
BLAM

YOKO, GRAB ON!
KTHUD
!
YOU'RE THAT GUY...
THUD
HEY!
WH- WHAT'S THAT? IS THAT HIS GUNMEN?!
GROANGAGAGAGA
WE'LL NEVER STAND A CHANCE AGAINST IT IN THE FLESH... WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?!
THAT'S A CUSTOMIZED GUNMEN CALLED "ENKI" AND IT'S REAL STRONG!
WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'RE GONNA DO?!

A-A GUNMEN?! WHY DO YOU GUYS HAVE A...
HAH! IF YOU WANT ONE, YOU GO SWIPE ONE FROM THE ENEMY, TOO!
KSHLIK
Y-YOU PEOPLE ARE UNBELIE-VABLE...
THWUP
HERE WE GO, SIMON!!
R-RIGHT...
LEAP
I'M GOING OUT IN THE GURREN !!!

DON'T BE SCARED, SIMON!
BUT... THAT GUY LOOKS REALLY STRONG.
ARE WE REALLY GOING TO FIGHT?
'COURSE, WE ARE!
I'LL PROVIDE COVER! SIMON, YOU DISTRACT HIM!!
GRIP...
.....!
Oink...
YOU'VE GOT THE LAGANN... YOU'VE GOT YOUR DRILL!
I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU. WE CAN DO INTRODUCTIONS LATER.
CRUSHED
INCIDENTALLY, I'M WITH "THE BLACK
SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS, I GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE.
YOU THERE, CAN YOU FIGHT?

BA-BOOM
BA-BOOM
GUNMEN?
I GOT CALLED BACK HERE, BECAUSE OF A REPORT THAT SOME HUMANS HAD STOLEN A GUNMEN...
GROAHGAGA
...BUT I HADN'T EXPECTED IT TO BE YOU BASTARDS.
DON'T CALL IT BY A LAME NAME LIKE THAT. THIS GUY'S NAME IS...

KLASH
TWO?
THE "GURREN"!
AND YOU'RE ONE COCKY BEASTMAN, HAVING TWO FACES LIKE THAT!!
KSHAK!
IT'S A WARRIOR TRADITION.
OH... YOU MEAN THE CRESTED HELMET.
SMASH
KAMINA !!
THOUGH, I DOUBT YOU NAKED APES COULD EVER UNDERSTAND...
THAT!
GGGRRRMM
GGRRMM...

I-I GOT IT!
SIMON!
DID YOU THINK MY SKILLS IN PILOTING GUNMEN WOULD BE LESSER THAN SOME HUMAN'S?!
JUMP
AAAAAAAAAY
BOOF
BLAM
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
AH!!
SHA-KIINNG

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
KRASH!
KLANG!
KSH
KSH
ボ
BOOM
KA-
KLANG
YOKO!!
VWIIIP
Holy!
AUGH!
BA-DOOM
AAAH!

KLANG
AAAAAAH!
THE FOOL. AS IF A SNEAK ATTACK LIKE THAT WOULD WORK ON ME.

WAH ?!
FLIP
I TOLD YOU...
GRAK!
...IT WON'T WORK!!
WHAM

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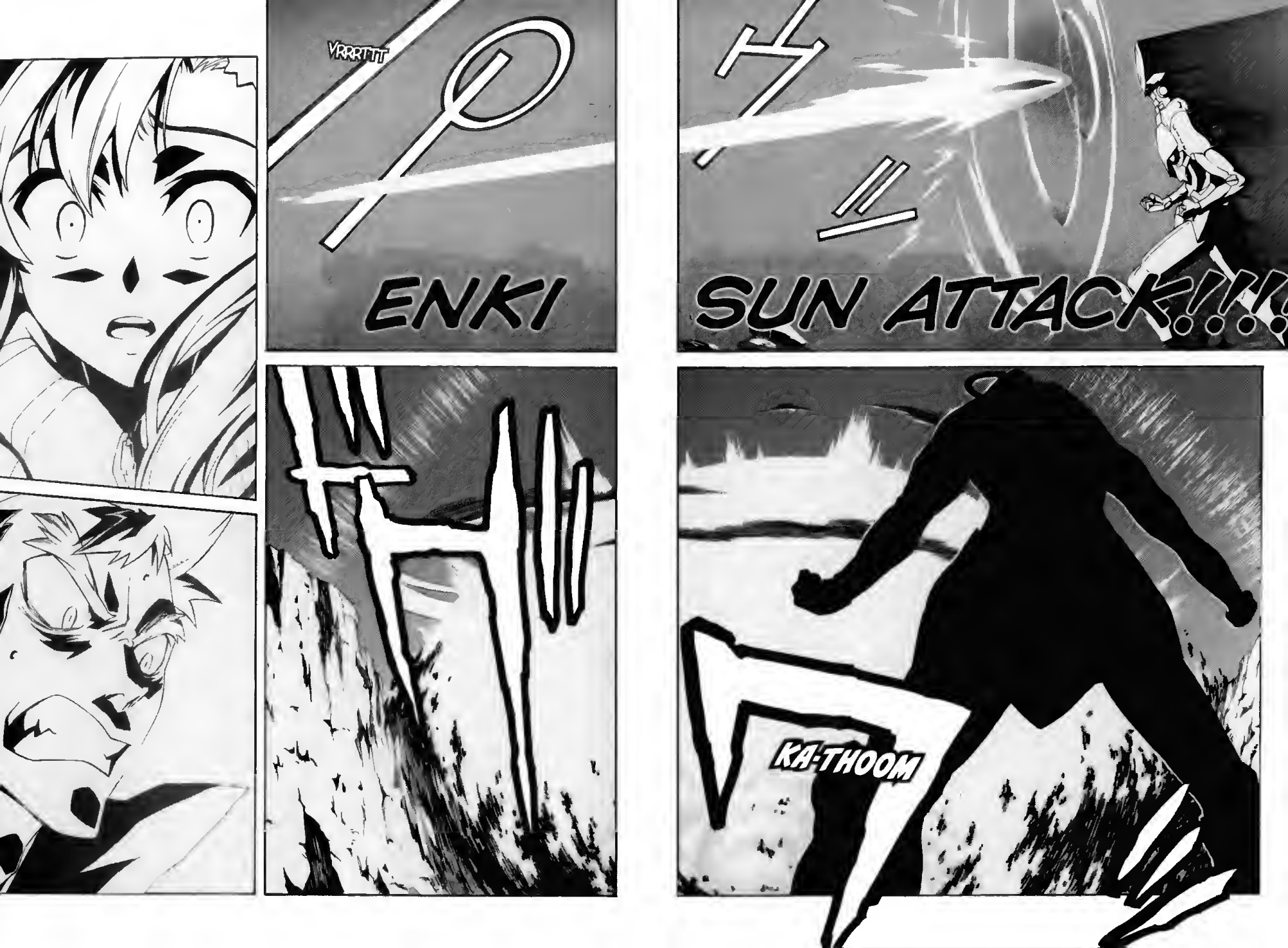
SPLOOOSH
WHOOSH
NO... THEY'RE GETTING CREAMED OUT THERE!
TIME TO END THIS.
KRRRIIIIIIII


VRRRTTT
ENKI
SUN ATTACK!!!!
KA-THOOM

ROOOAAARRR

H-HEY, DON'T TELL ME THEY'RE DEAD...

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PSSSHHH
ブス
PSSSHHH
ブス...
PSSSHHH...
!
Oh!
WHERE THE HELL...
GONE?!
DAMN...

LOOK OVER THERE!
WELL, FINE... EITHER WAY, THIS WILL BE SETTLED BY TOMORROW...
BA-BOOM...
BA-BOOM...
WHUMP
たっ…
VWEEEN
KTHWUD
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WHEW?
KRASH

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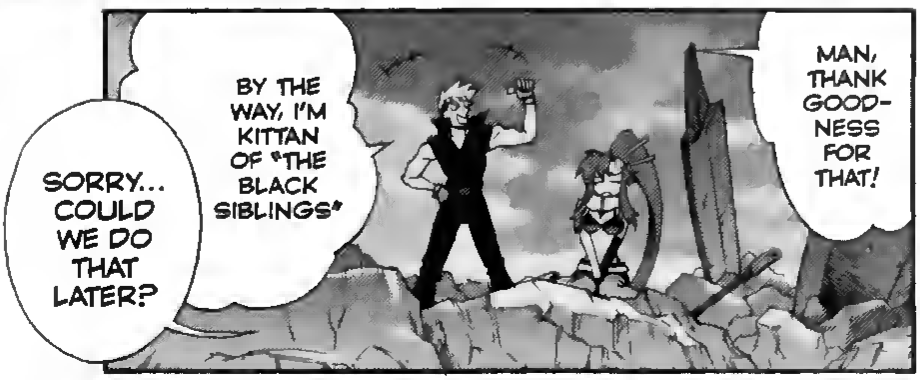
MAN, THANK GOOD-NESS FOR THAT!
BY THE WAY, I'M KITTAN OF "THE BLACK SIBLINGS"
SORRY... COULD WE DO THAT LATER?

VAPOR PROTAGONIST SIMON

空気主人公シモン

SAY, BRO ...
HEY! I'M HUNGRY. YOU GOT ANYTHING, YOKO?
UM ...
I CAN'T COME UP WITH SOMETHING ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
SQUEEZE SQUEEZE SQUEEZE SQUEEZE
HERE, I'LL GO HUNT SOME-THING FOR YOU, SO WAIT HERE...
KAMINA!
DON'T TOUCH MY BREASTS!
DASH
EH?! I HAVEN'T TOUCHED ANY-THING!
AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE PROTA-GONIST!

MANGA BY MO-SUKE MATTAKU

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YOU SURE TOOK ONE HELL OF A BEATING.
BUT YOU KNOW...
KCHK

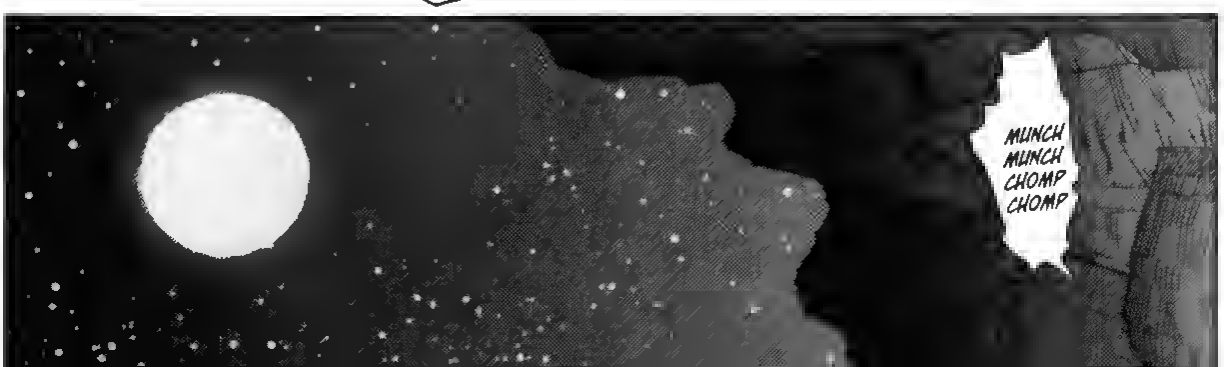
CHAPTER 5: "I DON'T GET IT AT ALL!"

GRR
THAT DAMN BEASTMAN WAS BLABBING ON ABOUT SOME "HUMAN ERADICATION FORCES"...!

I HAD NO IDEA THE BEASTMEN WERE THAT SERIOUS...
A MILITARY FORCE ...

IS THAT FOR REAL, BIG BROTHER?!

... INTOLERABLE FOR US HUMANS TO BE LIVING ON THE SURFACE?!
IS IT SO...


MUNCH MUNCH CHOMP CHOMP

SIMON ...
WHY DID YOU DIG A HOLE BACK THERE?
.....

I WAS SCARED... SO SCARED... AND I WANTED TO RUN AWAY...
I... DON'T WANT TO DO THIS ANYMORE. LET'S GO BACK TO OUR VILLAGE... BRO
.....
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN WIN AGAINST SUCH STRONG OPPONENTS
SIMON.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE. I WANT TO SEE YOU DIE, EITHER!
AND YOUR FATHER'S PROBABLY ALREADY...

JUMP
I-I'M SORRY, I... COULDN'T HELP IT...

SIMON!

YOU MAKE SURE YOU GET GOOD SLEEP!
TOMORROW'S THE SHOWDOWN!
IT'S NOT FOR RUNNING AWAY!
YOUR DRILL IS MEANT TO BE USED TO DRILL TOWARDS THE HEAVENS.
STAB
B-BRO...
WE NEED TO TALK.
KAMINA.

DUN-DUN
SHINE
YOU DON'T NEED TO FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO BE HERE.
WE'RE LOOKING AT THE GUY WHO DID THE IMPOSSIBLE AND OBTAINED NEW POWER FOR HIMSELF...
...SO WE'RE PLENTY PUMPED.

IT WON'T START UP AGAIN? HOW STRANGE...
CLICK
CLICK
HEY, KIYAL!
THE HELL'S YOUR PROBLEM?!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A MAN?! PATHETIC!
THIS IS CRAZY, YOU GUYS...
AREN'T YOU ALL...
SCARED?
.....
AFTER WHAT HE WENT THROUGH YESTERDAY, IT'S NOT SURPRISING.
DON'T LET HER GET TO YOU, SIMON.
I MEAN, COME ON, KINON...

YOU SEE, OUR VILLAGE, BACHIKA...
WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND BY THAT GUNMEN CALLED "ENKI".
MANY OF OUR FELLOW VILLAGERS DIED.
WE WERE UTTERLY HELPLESS...
IF THAT'S WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST, THEN WHY...
OF COURSE, IT'D BE A LIE IF I SAID I WASN'T SCARED..... BUT...
IF THEY DESTROY THIS PLACE, WE WON'T HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE ANYMORE.
TROMP
EVEN IF YOU RUN AWAY, THEY'LL GET YOU SOMEDAY.

K-CHAK
I WON'T LET THEM GET ONE STEP PAST ME!
THAT'S WHY... EVEN IF I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT STANDING...
KRIIIIIIII
WHAT THE HELL'S THAT?
T-TEAM GURREN?
YOU ALL HAVE A LOT OF GUTS! I HEREBY DECLARE YOU ALL MEMBERS OF TEAM GURREN!
YOKO ...

KA-BOOM
HEH!
IT'S WHERE MANLY SOULS BELONG!!
WWWHIIIIIRRRR
SHRIEK
I'M HONOR-ED.
UH, HELLO? I'M A WOMAN ...
D-DAMN IT ALL, THAT BASTARD'S COOL...
Grrr...

GM-GAGAGA
ATTACK!
ZZVHIRRR
RATTATATATA
UPSY-DAISY
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THIS TIME--
YOU GET TO EAT THIS!
BOOM
HOW'S ABOUT THAT?! A BLACK SIBLING SPECIALTY.
YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF "BURNING WATER"? ...?!

GLARE
.....
LUKEWARM.
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
WH-
WH-
WH-
WH-
WHAT
?!
WHOA!
BA-BOOM!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LET OUR PRECIOUS MEMBERS GET KILLED!
KACHUNK
HMPH
...
KLA-KA
KLANG
KAMINA!

I COMMEND YOU FOR WAITING HERE...
... INSTEAD OF HIDING, HUMAN.
AND I COMMEND YA FOR SHOWING UP INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY...
...YOU SORTA-BEAST, SORTA-HUMAN ...
... AMBIGUOUS BASTARD !!
GROAH
A DAMN IRRITATING CREATURE AS EVER.

SHWUP
BASH
I TOLD YOU BEFORE.
THAT MOUTH OF YOURS IS GOING TO MEAN... THE DEATH OF YOU!
10 INCH PUNCH
SMASH
NGAH!
AAAUGH!

KRASH
BRO!!
DAMN IT!
IS THERE REALLY NO WAY WE CAN WIN AGAINST THAT BASTARD ...?!
BA-BOOM...
YEAH ...
KINON! KIYAL!
WE'RE GOING OUT THERE, TOO!
GRIP
I'M...
...I'M...

BAM
STOP, BRO!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS ANY-MORE!
WATCH !!
Y-YOKO?
HE'LL KEEP GETTING UP.
OVER AND OVER...
...UNTIL YOU COME!
LAST NIGHT, I TALKED TO KAMINA.
LET ME...

...PILOT THE LAGANN.
I'M MORE USED TO COMBAT AND IT'S TOO MUCH FOR SIMON...
HE'S NOT THE FIGHTING SORT.
HE'LL DO IT.
HOW ...?
HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE IN HIM SO MUCH?
THERE'S NO LOGIC TO IT.

I GUESS WHEN YOU GET DOWN TO IT...
THAT'S WHAT "PARTNERS" ARE.
WHA...
WHAT'S THAT MEAN? I DON'T...
....GET IT AT ALL...
IT'S THE SAME.
I BELIEVE IN MYSELF, SO I CAN BELIEVE IN HIM.
I BELIEVE IN HIM, SO I CAN BELIEVE IN MYSELF.
TO ME, IT'S THE SAME THING...

REMEMBER WHAT KAMINA SAID TO YOU?
HE SAID, "BELIEVE IN ME, WHO BELIEVES IN YOU!"
PART... NERS...?
KRUNCH!!
KA-THOOM
KREE... PEAK...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I...
ARE YOU LIVING UP TO THE TRUST HE'S PLACED IN YOU?!
THE TRUST OF YOUR ONE AND ONLY PARTNER ?!
I...!

!!!!
VRRRIIIII
IT START-ED?!
FLASH
!?
BWOOOOOSH

DRIP
DRIP
YOU BET! THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I CAN LET A BASTARD LIKE YOU BEAT ME RIGHT NOW!
KRR-CREAK
OH-HO... STILL GETTING BACK UP?
KRIIIIIIII
ENKI SUN...
WELL, I'LL GIVE YOU POINTS FOR TENACIOUSLY REFUSING TO ADMIT DEFEAT.
CRAP! HE'S FIRING THE BEAM!!
IT'S GLOW-ING ?!
AAAAAAAAHH!!

WHAT THE ?!
BOOM
KLANG
NGAH!

D-DAMN!
BA-SHOOM
I'D HATE IT MORE IF I JUST STOOD BY AND WATCHED YOU DIE!
KTHUNK
HEHE... SO YOU FINALLY CAME, SIMON!
ALL RIGHT! SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS, TIME FOR THE FINAL RESORT. WE'RE GOING TO DO *THAT!*
"THAT"?!
THAT CANNON-BALL THINGY?
NOPE.
I'M SCARED... I'M SCARED, BUT...

WE'RE GONNA COMBINE!!

WH-WHAT DID HE SAY?!

YOU NEVER KNOW ...
WAAAAAH!
GRAB
かいしゅう

AN IMPOSSI-BILITY!
THERE'S NO SUCH FUNCTION-ALITY.
COMBINE ?!

ZZVAMM
Heh.
...UNTIL YOU GIVE IT A TRY!!
KRUNCH
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, BEASTIE?! NOW, WE'VE GOT TWO FACES, TOO!!

B-
BRO...
ゴキキ
KR-KR-KREK
OH, IT'S
A LITTLE
CROOKED.

FLASH
DON'T MESS WITH ME!
SHA-BOOM
DON'T...
GRRRRR
ZZRRRRWINNNGGG
THIS IS... IMPOSS-IBLE!
They absorbed it?!

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! THE POWER IS JUST INCREDIBLE!
WHAT THE HELL'S THIS?!
VRRRIIIIIIN
VWWERRRITTT
A TRAINED SOLDIER...
D- DON'T PANIC, VIRAL!
WOHM
...DOES NOT PANIC!!

KA-RUNCH
SSSSHHHHH...
A CROSS COUNTER ?!!!!
A CRO ...

REMEMBER THIS, BEASTIE! COMBINING...
...IS WHEN TWO FIGHTING SPIRITS...
KRR-KRR-CREAK
...COLLIDE!!!!
Y-YOU BASTARD, YOU'VE...

IT SETS A
SHATTER
MAN'S SOUL ON FIRE
...TAKEN MY CRESTED HELMET ...!
SNATCH
SLAM

COMBINING
OF COURAGE
GURREN
LAGANN!!!!!

IT'S RIDICULOUS TO CALL IT RIDICULOUS.
TO HELL WITH YOUR COMBINING! TO HELL WITH YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT! IT'S RIDICULOUS!
WOBBLE...
THAT WAS AWESOME, BRO!!
AWE-SOME...
HOW UNCREATIVE.
SO NOT CREATIVE.
NO CREATIVITY.
NOT CREATIVE, IS HE?
NOT CREATIVE...
NO DAMN CREATIVITY.
TH-THAT WAS COOL.

WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM?!
DUN-DUN

TO BE
CONTINUED
IN THE
NEXT
VOLUME!!

A MAN'S EMBLEM

男の旗印

THIS IS NONE OTHER THAN THE EMBLEM OF TEAM GURREN!
I HEREBY DECLARE YOU ALL MEMBERS OF TEAM GURREN!
IT'S WHERE MANLY SOULS BELONG !!
BUT THERE ARE WOMEN HERE, TOO.....
SHRIEK
BLUSH
GAAAH! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
RIBBON
For the girls, you have to make the emblem more...

MANGA BY KIMIKO HIGUCHI

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COMMENTARY

When I first met with Kotaro Mori, he laughed wryly and said, "Man, I think I may have gotten myself involved with a real monster of a project."

He apparently stepped forward to take the job of adapting Gainax's new robot anime into a comic, but he says he felt stumped when he read all the scripts. It was an understandable sentiment, considering how even the assistant director of the anime, Mr. Ohtsuka, also looked at the final battle in Spiral Space and muttered, "How are we going to visualize this?"

However, the final Mori-version of "Gurren Lagann" was a blending of two different aspects. One was a fine eye towards calculating how much of the sense of speed and scale could be adapted from the anime, and also how to make the characters come alive. The other aspect was youthful energy brazenly steamrolling through. It was as if it was a give-and-take between Simon and Kamina, which resulted in a truly delightful piece of work.

KAZUKI NAKASHIMA

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Authors plays as a writer for theatre troupe Gekidan* Shinkansen.
Won the 47th Kunio Kishida Award for "Aterui" in 2003.
"Gurren Lagann" is his first project as a TV anime series coordinator and scriptwriter.
He serves as editor on tha manga version.

By the end of September, the broadcast will end, but the world of "Gurren Lagann" is far from over.

The comic has just gotten started. To those of you who have watched the anime and to those of you who are reading this for the first time as a comic, I would be most gratified if you find enjoyment in Mori's version of Simon's coming-of-age story.

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GURREN LAGANN (COMIC)
SIMON
ROUGH

KOTARO MORI

SIMON

GURREN
LAGANN
(COMIC)
KAMINA
ROUGH
KOTARO MORI

グレンラガン(コミック)
ヨーコ
ラフ
GURREN LAGANN
(COMIC)
YOKO
ROUGH
KOTARO MORI

THE AFTER-WORD.
FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING THE MANGA VERSION OF "GURREN LAGANN" VOLUME ONE!
THIS VOLUME COVERS THE STORY UP TO THE FIRST TIME THE GURREN LAGANN COMBINES. IN OTHER WORDS, IT REPRESENTS ROUGHLY 3 EPISODES' WORTH OF ANIME MATERIAL, WHICH IS QUITE A TERRIFYINGLY SLOW PACE CONSIDERING WHAT'S YET TO COME. BUT IT'S A FAST-PACED STORY TO BEGIN WITH, SO RIGHT NOW, IT'S ALL I CAN DO JUST TO KEEP UP.
HAVING SAID THAT, IN THE FUTURE, I HOPE TO COMPLEMENT THE ANIME WITH STORIES THAT WERE NOT IN THE ANIME AND TO ALSO DIG DEEPER INTO THE CHARACTERS. BUT WHO KNOWS HOW THAT WILL GO..
STILL, WHILE I WAS AWARE THAT THIS SHOW WAS THE FRUIT OF TREMENDOUS EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE GREAT GAINAX, I WAS DUMBFOUNDED WHEN I LEARNT THE WHOLE EXTENT OF THE STORY. MANY OF YOU WHO HAVE READ THIS HAVE ALSO WATCHED THE SHOW, SO I BELIEVE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE I AM COMING FROM.
IF YOU HAVE YET TO WATCH THE SHOW, PLEASE DO WATCH IT TOGETHER WITH THIS COMIC AND BE DUMBFOUNDED TOGETHER WITH THE REST OF US!
TO MR. NAKASHIMA THE SCRIPTWRITER, WHO WROTE THE COMMENTARY. TO MS. NAKAGAWA, WHO CONTRIBUTED A QUOTE FOR THE OBI STRIP. TO ALL THE AUTHORS WHO CONTRIBUTED 4-PANEL COMICS EVERY MONTH. AND TO THE STUDIO STAFF. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO THANK YOU AND MANY OTHERS, FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO GET THIS BOOK OUT.
SEE YOU AGAIN IN VOLUME 2.
Mecha assistant wanted (urgently)
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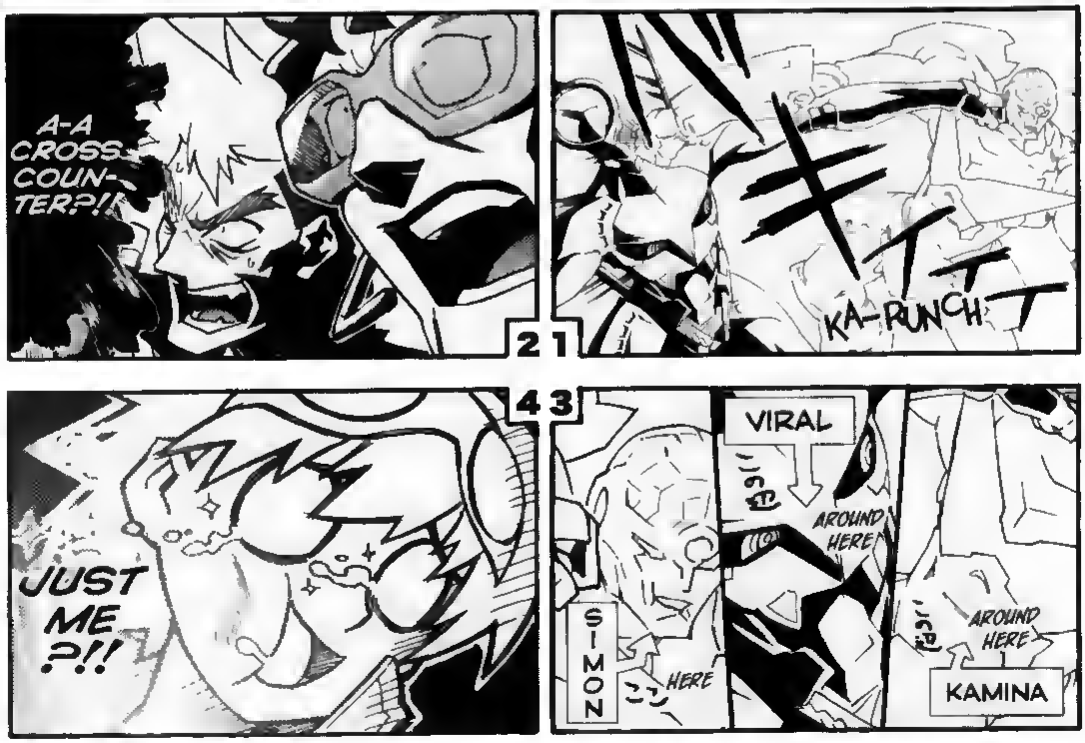
BONUS 4-PANEL. GO, SIMON! -ORDEALS-



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004.The bluff causes death!
005.I can't get it at all!

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